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FILE No. Prop/Genl 4061-07
SERIAL No. Introduction of a New Signalling Training Manual.

D.O's No 5549 26-8-07 forwarding for information Circular No VIII & Kasauli 1-8-07 from S. of Signalling D.S.T. re. the introduction of a new Signalling Training Manual & the changes to be brought about thereupon.
Submitted Re 29/8/07

In the circular. I do not know the meaning of "Sado" & whether I do not save. Possibility of mistake if Signals like Railway method of Morse time be used in case of p.m. & a.m.

D.O's No 5644 28-8-07 communicating ections to Signalling Circular No VIII (S.1501) 'aragraph (4) line 1. The word (retain) should ain)" Submitted. Correction noted.

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Signalling Circular No.VIII. No.

1. It is notified for information to all Imperial Service Units maintaining signallers that a new Signalling Training Manual, 1907, has recently been issued in England.

This book will shortly be taken into use in India and the method of signalling messages, as used by the Army in England will be adopted in India.

This means a complete change in the present system, and will take some considerable time to carry out in the Imperial Service Troops.

2. It is no use, therefore, for Imperial Service Units to endeavour to procure any more books of Instruction, or message books as used at present.

Arrangements will be made, in the course, for the supply of new Instructional books in English and Vernacular, and new message forms.

3. In the meantime, it is equally useless for signallers to go on using the present message form in its entirety. The sooner this form et this the better.

In order, however, that the reading, sending, and writing of individual Signallers may not deteriorate, paragraph messages should be practised until such time as the present Assistant Instructors have been re-trained in the new form of message work.

These paragraph messages can be written down on any ordinary pieses of paper, or on the old message form in the space allotted for the "text" of the message, all the re- - aining portion of the message form being ignored.

A specimen paragraph message is printed below. It is merely meant for the purpose of practice in reading, sending, and writing, without bringing into use those miscellaneous signals which have been altered.

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4. In order to retain most of the present qualified Assistant Instructors so that they may be able to instruct the signallers of their Units in the altered form of message work, the Inspector of Signalling, Imperial Service Troops, hopes to arrange for a signalling camp to be held in some State for two months or more next cold ######## weather. He proposes to instruct the three (3) senior qualified instructors at present with each Unit of Division I (including the qualified Signalling Officer, where there is one), and the two (2) senior qualified Instructors at present with each Unit of Division II (including the qualified Signalling Officer, where there is one).

This will mean a total of about 63 officers and non-commissioned officers, the limit as regards members which the Inspector of Signalling can instruct personally.

Should the above proposal be sanctioned, detailed instructions for the Camp will be issued in due course to all concerned.

5. There will be no signalling inspection this cold weather such as has been carried out during each of the last four years.

In order, however, that signallers may not be deprived of their signalling pay through no fault of their own, the Inspector of Signalling will visit as many States as he can. In all cases the Commandants of Units, advised by their qualified Signalling Officer or senior qualified Assistant Instructor, will be asked to notify to the Inspector the names of the eight men they consider to be the best out of the 16 signallers, in the case of Division I, and three names of the men considered regimentally to be the best out of the seven signallers, in the case of Division II.

In as many States as he will be able to visit next cold weather, the Inspector of Signalling will inspect the signalling equipment of each Unit.

He will also, in the case of Division I, divide the 16 signallers up to two transmitting stations of five men

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In as many States as he will be able to visit next cold weather, the Inspector of Signalling will inspect the signalling equipment of each Unit.

He will also, in the case of Division I, divide the 10 signallers up to the transmitting stations of five men

each,and two terminal stations of three men each,and will give two paragraph messages of about 200 letters each to be sent from one terminal,through two transmitting stations to the other terminal. The Inspector will detail the duties of each man such as reader,writer,sender,etc.,and will have one message sent by either helio or lamp,and the other message by either flag or semaphore. The Signallers must be prepared to carry out the tests with whichever apparatus the Inspector selects.

If these tests are carried out satisfactorily the Assistant Instructors will be recommended for signalling pay as usual,the best eight signallers of Division I and three best of Division II,as notified by Commanding Officer will be recommended for monthly signalling pay of 2 rupees each,and the remainder for 1 rupee monthly. No time-limit will be laid down for the two tests,but in de-termining whether the work is satisfactory or otherwise, the time occupied will be taken into consideration,in-cluding the aligning of heliographs and lamps. Signallers of Division II will be inspected in pair work.

6. It is particularly requested that special care may be taken that a copy of this circular eventually reaches the Commandants of Units without being unduly delayed in inter-mediate offices.

It is also requested that the translation of this circular into the vernacular,for communication to the signallers of Units may be carefully and accurately done.

7. Specimen of paragraph message.-(not to be translated into vernacular).

To Gen Tarver stop sado fifteenth June six thirtytwo p m stop suspension bridge erected at Chutiatan six miles south of Dir also several smaller ones trestle or cantilver stop raft bridge over Ushiri carried away stop fre. Capt Sergeant (VE).

No. 998 & Encl 2

Office of the Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops
Dated 4th October 1907.

To

The Military Assistant,
to the Government of Mysore

Reference:- His No.909 dated I4th September I907 re-Signalling Mannal &c.

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The enclosure received with the above is herewith returned as requested.

Lieut-Col.
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops

No. 1209 Circl

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Campbellpore 4th November 07

No. 61-97

No. SERIAL No. 4

To, The Military Assistant to the Government of Mysore

Reference :- Mis No. 909 dated 14-9-07 re- Signalling Manual.

The enclosure received with the above is herewith returned as requested.

J. D. Smyth

Lieut.

Mysore Transport,

Mysore Troops

Enclosure to 864 8

Extract from India Army Orders dated 19-3-07.

No 410. Training Manual-Signalling, 1907.-Attention is ---- invited to Army Order No 31 of 1907 notifying the publication of the Training Manual, Signalling.

2. The manual with the exceptions noted below will come into force in India immediately on its receipt by units:-

Section 25, including drawing facing page 66.

Sections 34 to 53 inclusive.

Sections 40 to 44 inclusive, including drawing facing page 79.

Section 43.

Section 49, paragraph 5, last 6 three lines.

Section 49, paragraph 6, words in brackets.

Sections 50 to 63 inclusive, including drawing facing page 33.

Section 65.

" 35, the last two clauses from the words "The telescope" to end of section.

Chapter XI.

Sections 219 to 232 inclusive.

Section 231.

,, 237.

,, 238, and General Instructions.

,, 241 to 245 inclusive.

3. The annual inspection of units in signalling ~~of~~ for the --- season 1907-08, will not be carried out as hitherto, but --- units will instead be inspected in a paragraph message test (no message form being used), by the Inspector or Assistant Inspector of Army Signalling. This will enable signallers - who have already been trained & those under training to -- learn the new system, and Inspectors & Assistant Inspectors will assist & explain the difference between the old & new systems during their tours of inspection.

A report on the effeciency of signallers will be rendered - on I.A.Form X-1366 (Indian Appendix to Signalling Regulations, page 119, paragraph (a) & page 130, paragraph 4)

SECTION Family

FILE No. 61-07

No. 709

SERIAL No. 546

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13-11-07

FROM

CAPTAIN W.H. HENDERSON
~~Major W. W. WARNER~~,

INSPECTING OFFICER, HYDERABAD AND
MYSORE I. S. CAVALRY,
AND MYSORE TRANSPORT CORPS.

To

THE MILITARY ASSISTANT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

~~BANGALORE~~ HYDERABAD, 11th November 1907~~90~~.

Sir,

I have the honor to convey the wish of the Inspector General Imperial Service Troops that all Commanding Officers should have their Signallers very carefully and completely trained in the new form of message work as soon as their instructors return from Gwalior.

SECTION Family

FILE No. 61-07

SERIAL No. 6

A.G.'s Progr. No. 1681

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Capt. Inspecting Officer
Hyderabad & Mysore I. S. Cavalry
Mysore Transport Corps.

II. No 1503 D/13/11/07

To the Chief Commandant.
Mysore State Troops.

Forwarded ~~with enclosure~~ for favour of necessary action & kind return

Bangalore
13/11/07

for Major Genl.
Mil Asst.